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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter the amendments and consider the remarks below preliminary to examining the claims in the continued prosecution application filed herewith..

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 44-47 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 13 to read:

The [An] optical polarizer of claim 1, wherein the absorbing polarizer is positioned [comprising:

a reflective polarizer including at least one material having anisotropic refractive indices disposed such that light having a first polarization state is substantially reflected and light having a second polarization state is substantially transmitted; and

a dichroic polarizer bonded to at least one side of the reflective polarizer] to provide antireflection on [the] at least one side of the reflective polarizer.

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